



February 24, 2017

Mr. Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

We are an architectural design firm, employing 40 people in Syracuse, NY. We design schools, colleges, municipal buildings, and multi-unit housing with a commitment to sustainable design and net zero environmental impact. As experts in advanced building science, we are acutely conscious of the impact of human activity on climate change and oppose deregulation of any environmental protection laws currently in place.

We strongly support the Paris Agreement on greenhouse gases emissions mitigation, and advocate for the Citizens' Climate Lobby Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy. We are concerned about the Trump Administration's promises to roll back environmental protection regulations and weaken the EPA's regulatory functions. These policies do not serve our company's goals, or the goals of our many consultants and contractors who engage in the design, manufacture, and sale of alternative clean energy solutions and sustainable building materials. Nor, do they serve the needs of our clients and their students.

We urge you to continue the EPA's critically important work of protecting the environment and supporting energy solutions other than gas, oil, and coal. The US should lead the world in the innovation of renewable energy solutions. Depleting our gas, coal, and oil resources in pursuit of short term profits, while polluting our air, ground, and water is economically unsustainable. There are more jobs and economic growth to be found in the development of renewable energy solutions.

As the Administrator of the EPA, it is your mission to protect human health and the environment. We implore you to meet this challenge by keeping the EPA a strong regulator of industry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward L. McGraw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edward" and last name "McGraw" clearly legible.

Edward L. McGraw, AIA, LEED AP
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Whitehouse